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Minutes of the Planning Meeting for JANIS 157
(WESTERN NEW GUINEA)

1. The meeting was called to order by Comdr. Bailey at 2:30 p.m.
2. Those present:

Comdr. Bailey, JISPB
Major Kountz, JISPB
Ensign Stone, JISPB
Lt. Comdr. Clinton, JISPB Staff
Lt. Nicholson, JISPB Staff
Capt. Caskey, AAP
Major Douglas, AAP
Major Rische, MID
Col. Boone, ONI
Lt. Col. McCaffery, EMO.
Lt. Col. Sturdevant, ONI
Lt. Col. Poole, MID
Lt. Loveridge, OP-35
Major Russel, MID
Lt. (jg) Sears, H.Q.
Lt. (jg) Sweet, ONI
Comdr. Macomb, ONI
Ensign Clark, ONI
Dr. Hunt, U.S. G.S.
Dr. Mason, E.E.B.
Dr. Bradley, U.S. G.S.

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Mr. Graves, Bd. Riv. & Har.
[REDACTED], OSS

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3. Comdr. Bailey requested reports from representatives of participating agencies as to what information could be added to existing Allied Geographical Section studies on Western New Guinea. The following reported for the chapters indicated:

C. II - Lt. Col. Poole, MID: Can add little material, if any.
Lt. Col. McCaffery reported that the Corps of Engineers had just completed a new terrain study and that they are doing studies on beaches and port facilities at the request of Gen. Casey, Chief Engineer, SWPA.

C. III - Miss Sears, H.C.: There is little data available on the topic of Oceanography. More could be added on tides, seas and swells, sound ranging, bottom sediments, currents, and salinity.

Miss Clark, ONI: No additional material is available for the topic of Coasts.

Lt. Col. McCaffery and Dr. Mason, Beach Erosion Board: The new study on the beaches does not look too promising unless sufficient time could be allowed. The minimum estimate is two to two and one-half months, and if new photographs are not available, the report will be poor. In any case, this study will be made for Gen. Casey.

C. IV - Capt. Caskey, AAF: Col. Mundell believes that a much better report can be done on climatology and meteorology. Such a study will be made; if for JANIS, with high priority; if not, with low priority.

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C. V, VI and VII, [REDACTED] OSS: Improvement cannot be made on material for A.G.S.

C. VIII - Lt. Col. McCaffery, Corps of Engineers: A new study is being made on this topic and considerable new data is added to that of the A.G.S. through a new approach to the topic, that is, the study presents details on points where port facilities could be established rather than concentrating on places where port facilities are established.

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C. IX - [REDACTED] OSS: Improvement cannot be made on existing A.G.S. materials.

C. X - Major Rische, MID - Improvement cannot be made on existing A.G.S. materials.

C. XI - Major Rische, MID: Reported that Major Buchanan states A.G.S. material is best source material on this topic.

C. XII - Lt. Col. Boone, ONI: Cannot improve on existing A.G.S. material.

C. XIII - Lt. (jg) Loveridge, Op-35: Cannot improve on existing A. G. S. material.

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4. The possibility was discussed of preparing only a brief.
5. The general opinion of the research personnel was to scrap the study of Western New Guinea and move on. It was pointed out that all material available in Washington, which is additional to that included in A.O.S. studies, has been photostated by Capt. Russell and sent to Brisbane.

CAROLINE ISLANDS, MARIANA ISLANDS AND PALAU ISLANDS

6. Comdr. Bailey requested information on existing materials on these three island areas. Lt. Col. Boone reported that the Far Eastern Desk of ONI is just finishing Change 10 to ONI-49, which includes the Mandated Islands. The report has been prepared over a period of six months by a man who lived in the area, and who has contacted all Washington agencies with any information. Inasmuch as this is due in about 10 days, he suggested that final consideration be withheld until the new report could be examined.
7. Comdr. Bailey's final recommendation was that the JIERS recommend to JIC that no JANIS be prepared on Western New Guinea and that consideration of the preparation of JANIS on the Mandated Islands be withheld until the ONI report is available, and that research personnel not consider examining material available on the Celebes Sea and Banda Sea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk H. Stone,
Ensign, USNR,
Secretary.